



RE: speaking opportunity
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Cliff,

Happy New Year to you as well! I am very interested in this, and will confirm with the Railroad. I likely will only be available for one day, so the earlier we know what the date is, the better on my end. Thanks for thinking of me, and I look forward to this and the other issues we will hopefully resolve in 2007.

Bob

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Hi Bob. Happy New Year! We need to catch up on Wallace Yard EE/CA, but for now I wanted to float something else by you....

I am organizing a panel presentation on "Superfund Meets Rails-To-Trails" for the annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC) at the U of O in Eugene. Conference is first weekend in March, Thursday - Sunday, and this year marks its 25th anniversary. If you've never been, it is probably the largest environmental conference in the world, and the presentations and discussions are always stimulating. This year's theme is "Cultivating Corridors for the

People," of which the Rails-To-Trails program seems a literal application.

Panels should include around one hour total for presentations and at least 15 minutes for Q&A. In my vision for our panel, our panel would include a slide show of the Trail of the Coeur d'Alene project as an example of what can be achieved. As for formal presentations, I would provide a brief overview of the Superfund program, you (or some other wise person) could provide an overview of the railroad abandonment and rail-banking process, and some third panelist (maybe from a local "Friends of the Trail" organization) could talk about recreational opportunities, economic redevelopment, or other benefits from the rail-trail concept. I'm vaguely aware that UP has a railyard in Eugene that has been undergoing some environmental investigation, so maybe there is some opportunity here to hear directly about local concerns or aspirations for a better tomorrow. Maybe you could even take the opportunity to see this property and meet with UP clients if you haven't already.

Anyway, if you think you may be interested and able to join me on the panel, please let me know asap, so that the exact date and time can be scheduled for your convenience. Also, if you have any ideas for other panelists, especially as connected with UP in Eugene, that would be great. Of course, the conference is not an EPA function, and there is no EPA funding for travel, but your reward and mine may be taken in CLE credit and good karma.

I look forward to hearing back from you on this, and also to wrapping up some other long-lingering issues in 2007.

Cliff Villa